

NO MACKEREL BEING TAKEN.

Few Scattering Fish Reported on Nova Scotia Coast.

Still another day has arrived with no tidings of mackerel receipts, nothing being heard from the netters either at New York or Newport. Some mackerel is being taken in nets on the Nova Scotia shore, but the body of fish is believed to be still to the westward, although news of its striking the shore may be expected at any time.

The little steamer Quoddy of Portland will resume gill net mackerel fishing off here and arrived here to fit out.

The imports of salt mackerel to date of the catch of 1909 are 33,331 barrels against 43,887 barrels of the catch of 1908 up to this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date this year is given as 8063 barrels against 11,374 barrels up to this time last year.

A letter from the Times correspondent at Lunenburg, N. S., written on Wednesday says the first mackerel of the season were caught there that morning, two fishermen having four mackerel in one of their nets. All the fishermen are setting out their nets, as they expect the mackerel to strike this week. No seiners had arrived at Lunenburg, although the weather has been foggy these three days past, and there may be some vessels off shore. None have as yet come into the harbor.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Thursday last reports 84 mackerel taken in nets at Lockport, and also one American seiner there.

At Liverpool, there were 30 American seiners in port.

At White Point, Canso, 175 mackerel were taken in traps, and a few in nets at Lunenburg, and one mackerel taken at Gabarus, C. B.

Mackerel Seiners at Liverpool, N. S.

Schs. Dauntless, Benjamin A. Smith, Ellen C. Burke, Lizzie M. Stanley, Aloha, Rhodora, Rex, Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Fannie E. Prescott, Arcadia, Terra Nova, Elmer E. Gray, Emily Cooney, Monarch, Pontiac, Lena and Maud, Diana, Speculator, George Parker, and Patrician of the mackerel seining fleet were at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday.

Sch. Massachusetts was at Halifax on the same date.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Mabel Leonard, 6000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Cherokee, 250 fresh mackerel.

Sch. A. N. Greria, 1500 fresh mackerel.

The catch of mackerel the past week has been 2941 bbls. They were all landed by netters at Newport, New York and New Bedford, and were large fish, with the exception of a few mediums. As the season advances more medium fish are being caught. The past two days the weather has been stormy and they have done nothing. The seiners, numbering about 50, have all gone to Cape Shore, the most of which were at Liverpool, N. S., yesterday for a harbor. It has been foggy the past few days all along the Cape Shore.

The corresponding week last year the mackerel fleet landed 3694 bbls. fresh mackerel, mostly from netters.

The first vessels last year from Cape Shore, arrived June 9. Sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay, having 45,000 fresh, 20 bbls. salt and sch. Judique, Capt. Gourley Anderson, 30,000 large, fresh and 9 1-2 bbls. salt. The fresh sold at 15 to 15 1-2 cents each and the salt for lump sums, or about \$10 per bbl.

Receipts comprise 188 bbls. from Ireland, of which 88 bbls. are reported to be spring fish. Fishing is reported fair on the Irish coasts and the fish count 300 to 350.

Saw Sea Geese off Sable Island.

Capt. Daniel McDonald and crew of sch. Mooveen, which arrived at Boston yesterday from a fresh halibut trip says from a short distance west of Sable Island and for 100 miles up the southern edge of Western Bank, the water was literally covered with sea geese, such as seen in southern waters during the early mackerel season. Although he had not seen any mackerel schools, he thinks those myriad of birds were following them and were a gentle reminder that a large body of mackerel was bound for the gulf of St. Lawrence. They being so far off shore at this time and well to the eastward, he did not think they would strike the Nova Scotia coast.

Provincial Fish Notes.

The Lunenburg, N. S., schs. Edith Marguerite and Oregon arrived at that port with 1200 quintals of salt cod each.

A fine new schooner was launched at Lunenburg, N. S., Wednesday last of 125 tons register for Capt. Reuben Ritchey and others of that place. She will be used in fishing and the West India trade.

A new fishing schooner was also launched at Malone Bay for Capt. William Miller of 95 tons measurement.

Schs. Lucania with 1100 quintals of cod, Revenue, 1450 quintals and Yukon, with 1225 quintals arrived at Lunenburg Wednesday from their spring trips.

Will Try Swordfishing.

Schs. Mary E. Smith and George H. Lube of the Portland fishing fleet have discontinued market fishing and are now fitting out for swordfishing.

FISH RECEIPTS STILL LIGHT.

Pollockers Landed Only Two Fares Yesterday.

There have been no arrivals at this port the past 24 hours of any consequence, and the market is void of all kinds of fresh fish.

The pollockers did not meet with any success yesterday, for only two of them came in during the night with an aggregate catch of 20,000 pounds.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Margie Turner, via Portland. Steamer Joppaite, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bryda F., shore 14,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. No Name, 2500 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Yankee, shore, 9000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Water Witch, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Herbert and Emma, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Independence, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Alice, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Paragon, St. Peter's Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Jubilee, Georges, drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Steamer Nomad, Stonington, Conn.

Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Large fresh mackerel 32 cts each.

Bank halibut, 6 3-4c per lb. for white and 3 3-4c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

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Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.

Splitting prices for fresh fish. Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Blanche, from the Banks, arrived at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin arrived at Lunenburg, C. B., on Wednesday last, hailing for 70,000 pounds of salt cod, and cleared for the fishing ground.

SECOND SHACKER ARRIVED TODAY.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton Hails For 240,000 Lbs. Cod.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, the second of the shack fishing fleet, arrived today and as she came up the harbor attracted much attention, as it was evident she had a full fare, for she was deck to the water.

Capt. Thomas hailed for the enormous trip of 100,000 pounds of salt cod and 140,000 pounds of fresh cod, and by the appearance of the vessel he had all he hailed for.

When asked where he had been fishing, Capt. Thomas said he baited twice at Magdalenes, and fished most everywhere in that section, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Cape Strait, off St. Paul's island, Cape North, Scatterie ground, and several other localities. Most everywhere he tried, fairly good fishing was found, but he had seen some of the dory handlines poorly fished and doing nothing. The trawlers appear to have done the best although some of them reported fish scarce.

Capt. Thomas is noted for bringing big trips from Cape North, but the present one surpasses anything that he ever landed here before and doubtless if ever equalled by any vessel from this port in this particular branch of the fishing.

Provincetown Fish Notes.

Three of the Lunenburg, N. S., cod fishing fleet arrived from their spring trips on Friday with 800, 1000 and 1200 quintals.

The Lunenburg and LeHave salt cod fishermen have been very fortunate this spring for a number have already arrived with good trips.

Sch. Henry L. Montague, Capt. Cook, arrived at Lunenburg from the banks last Wednesday with 1550 quintals. The following arrivals are also reported: Schs. Revenue, Cook, 1550; Alma Nelson, Backman, 1200; Lucania, Creaser, 1075; Mayola, 650; Roma, 500; Hiawatha, 500; Marion, 875; Rusle Pentz, 900.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Richard, Capt. Miles Somers, which arrived last week from a Cape North, shacking trip, weighed off 143,000 pounds salt and fresh fish, stocking \$3098, while the crew shared \$63 each. This is the first arrival from Cape North this season and the trip is a good one for short time absent from home.

Big Stock.

The stock of sch. Arethusia, from her salt codfishing trip, was \$124.40, and the crew of 22 men shared \$244.75 each.

Capt. Morrissey sailed today on a second trip, which is the earliest start he ever made on a second trip during the years that he has been going master. Her stock is one of the largest he ever made in a single trip.

Sch. Independence, II. Arrived.

Sch. Independence, II., formerly owned by Gardner & Parsons, and sold nearly two years ago to a West Indies party, and lately repurchased by the Cunningham & Thompson Co., arrived here yesterday from Florida, in command of Capt. George M. McLain.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Constellation was at Liverpool on Friday and sailed for the fishing grounds.

Schs. Waldo M. Stream and Teazer passed Mulgrave, bound south on Thursday last.

Sch. Electric Flash arrived at Lunenburg on Thursday and cleared.

Schs. Blanche and Mabel D. Hines and Alice R. Lawson sailed from Canso on Thursday.